

## OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

**Purpose:** The Office of Public Instruction's (OPI) purpose is to improve teaching and learning for all students through education, communication, advocacy and accountability by supporting schools to achieve high standards, guide and monitor the development of all aspects of K – 12 education and provide for quality instruction through professional development and ensure accountability and improvement in all Montana schools.

**Authorities:** MCA - Title 20, Sections 1-32.

### **Roles & Responsibilities:**

#### **Distribution to Schools Division - Pupil Transportation**

- Provide information regarding location and quantity of school buses and identify the points-of-contact: private contract or school district owned. *[Technical Assistance]*

#### **Health Enhancement & Safety Division – School Food Services**

- Provide information regarding the available quantities of commodity food stored in Montana schools and the Food Distribution/Commodity Warehouse in Helena. *[Individual Assistance - Food Distribution]*
- Provide information regarding student mental health issues in emergency situations. *[Public Health/Safety – Health/Medical/Mortuary]*

#### **Internet Services Division - Montana Education Telecommunication Network (METNET)**

- Provide information and support for emergency communication with all Montana schools through the METNET or Internet. *[Communications]*
- Provide instant messaging to Montana K-12 schools via the Internet & direct toll-free dialup. *[Communications]*